AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the PTO's revised amendment format, a detailed listing of all claims has been provided. A status identifier is provided for each claim in a parenthetical expression following each claim number. Changes to the claims are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Claims 1-28 were originally filed.

Kindly cancel claims 5-9, 10-13, 18-21, and 23-28 without prejudice.

10 No claims are added.

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No claims are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 14-17, and 22 are pending.

1. (Original) A method for processing an extensible mark up language

parsing the XML document into schema elements and data elements;

converting the schema elements into data type definition (DTD) objects;

validating the data elements using the DTD objects; and

if valid, constructing an In-memory tree representation of the XML

20 document using the data elements.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the converting comprises: calling a method in a first application program interface (API); and

as a result of calling the first method, calling one or more methods in a second API to construct the DTD objects.

- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the converting comprises referencing one or more tables that define the schema elements and associated functions for processing the schema elements.
 - 4. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instruction, which when executed by a computer, performs the method of claim 1.
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14. (Original) An architecture for processing an extensible mark up language (XML) document comprising:

a parser to parse the XML document into elements including schema elements and data elements;

a schema node factory, called by the parser, to handle calls to construct a node in an in-memory tree representation of the XML document for the elements; and

a schema builder, called by the schema node factory, to construct data type definition (DTD) objects used in validating the data elements.

- 15. (Original) The architecture of claim 14, wherein the schema builder utilizes one or more tables to process the elements, the tables containing information defining a schema for the XML data.
 - 16. (Original) A computer implemented with the architecture of claim 14.
 - 17. (Original) A client-server system, comprising:

a server

a client connectable to the server to exchange extensible mark up language (XML) documents;

at least one of the client and the server implementing the architecture of 5 claim 14.

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22. (Original) A system for processing an extensible mark up language (ML) document comprising:

means for parsing the XML document into schema elements and data elements:

means for donverting the schema elements into data type definition 20 (DTD) objects;

means for validating the data elements using the DTD objects; and if valid, means for constructing an in-memory tree representation of the XML document using the data elements.

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